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Mr. Jerome Agel
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Dear Mr. Agel:

Kindnesses of many sorts have been bestowed upon my book, WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, but I must express a special gratitude and respect for the first and excellent review it got, in BOOKS for June 1966. It was that effective in the trade, Mr. Agel, both here and abroad. Its benefits for the book and for me have been great, and I must thank you and tell you what happened.

The appearance of your issue fortunately coincided with the opening of the annual convention of the American Booksellers' Association. Because WHITEWASH is a private edition, we then had but a local distributor. Armed with copies of BOOKS, I approached the major distributors. They were so impressed that now the book should be available to most booksellers through their regular distributors, six of whom are handling WHITEWASH.

Further, a number of the major reviewers learned of WHITEWASH through BOOKS. They interviewed me, got copies of the book, and reviews I hadn't dreamed of a few weeks earlier are now pending. The success I now expect is largely due to you.

In Europe, I had an agent in England. I had written him asking if he could arrange for representation elsewhere on the continent, but without response. As soon as he got the copy of BOOKS I mailed him, he started moving. "I've had photostat copies made of that wonderful article in BOOKS," he wrote, "and am sending...to Germany and France..." WHITEWASH is now represented in both countries and probably in Scandinavia!

I knew that BOOKS was a young and sprightly publication, enough of a recommendation. But that it wielded such mighty influence I didn't know. The respect it and the review were accorded in the trade are outstanding.

We do, deeply, appreciate the great good you have done us.

Sincerely yours,